

**WSDOT Ferries Division Assistant Secretary David Moseley's Weekly Update  
March 7, 2008**

Dear Colleagues,

As I have mentioned to many of you it is my intention to provide our staff, colleagues and stakeholders with a weekly report at the end of each work week. As I complete my first week as Assistant Secretary for Ferries, this is the first of those reports. As you can imagine this is a "work in progress" and will evolve and, hopefully, improve over the coming weeks and months. I'd be very interested in any suggestions or comments folks may have about this effort. So here we go.

**A. Outreach**

A major effort this week was to begin the process of outreach to the ferry community. Toward this end I conducted twelve separate interviews with radio and newspapers to outline my view of the major issues facing the ferry system and to discuss priorities.

I also had the opportunity to meet with many legislators who are members of the Ferry Caucus to meet each other and to begin the process of exchanging ideas and suggestions on how to work more closely together and to move the ferry system forward. I very much appreciate the time members of the Ferry Caucus provided me during a very busy period of the legislative session.

I had the opportunity to meet with WSF headquarters staff to introduce myself, discuss issues affecting the ferry system and our approach as we move forward. I will be meeting terminal and vessel staff as I ride the boats and attend meetings in ferry-served communities.

On my first day I also had a meeting with representatives of our bargaining units to begin the process of establishing a productive working relationship with our labor partners.

Finally, Secretary Hammond and I also meet with Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine and a Mukilteo City Council member regarding options on the Mukilteo terminal and other local ferry issues.

**B. WSF Workgroup on JTC and Transportation Commission studies**

WSF has a work group specifically dedicated to providing information and data to assist the JTC and Transportation Commission in various studies they are conducting prior to the 2009 legislative session. This is a critical effort and WSF has a major responsibility to provide timely information and data. This will be one of the major priorities this year and I was able to receive a preliminary briefing on the work to date.

**C. Service restored on Pt. Defiance/Tahlequah**

Service was restored to the Pt. Defiance/Tahlequah route on Thursday morning. On Thursday service was provided by the Hiya and the Rhododendron was placed back into service on Thursday evening. We are very aware of the inconvenience and frustration this caused our Vashon Island customers but are pleased that we were able to restore service on Thursday.

**D. Biodiesel Research and Demonstration Project**

WSF has joined partnership with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and others to test biodiesel in the marine environment. The Issaquah will be fueled with biodiesel this weekend and will begin testing on Monday. We will be placing posters on the vessel which indicated that the ferry is being run on biodiesel and directs people to the Website for more information.

**E. Another Ad agreement and campaign**

WSF has achieved another advertisement campaign agreement with Lufthansa Airlines. Lufthansa ads will be displayed at Colman Dock and the Seattle/Bainbridge, Edmonds/Kingston and Mukilteo/Clinton routes. This is the fourth ad agreement we has reached in only three months with revenue of \$164,650.

That's it for this first installment. I'm sure there are many improvements we will be making to the weekly update in the coming months. Please feel free to provide suggestions and ideas.

David